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The CASE of David Wemeyfs Merchant, rightly stated, in His Majesties Employment. How far it differs from other casual or accidental Cases: VIZ.

1650.

1. **W**hen the condition of his Majesties Affairs in his antient Kingdom of *Scotland*, required Ammunition and Arms; then the said *David* hazarded his life, stock and credit for the said wants, and brought them home accordingly: not for any private end or advantage of his own, but in obedience to his Majesty and Parliaments special Command and Commission, Dated at *Perth*, 20 December, 1650.

2. For the said *David*'s better satisfaction and encouragement, his Majesty and Parliament passed an obligatory Act of Parliament, obliging King and Parliament, and their Successors, thankfully to content and repay the said *David*, his Heirs, Executors and Assigns of whatsoever sum or sums of money the said *David* should disburse or sustain in the said employment; and that to be payed out of the first and readiest of the Maintenance, Excize, or any other publick Dues, with its Interest, Expence and Improvement; as the Act in it self more fully sheweth. Day and date aforesaid.

3. The said *David* no sooner arrived *Scotland*, went for *Sterling* to render his Majesty an accompt of his diligence, who was graciously pleased to own it as an Act of seasonable and faithful service; and did most earnestly recommend his case and condition to *William Duke of Hamilton*, pressing his Grace to be careful of the said *David*'s repayment; which if the Lord had spared him life, it had not been deferred to this day.

4. Upon their consideration, his Majesties Parliament and Council, after an exact inquiry, found his real Disbursements to amount to 2439 *l.* 16 *s.* *sterl.* principal, with its interest and expences, by-gone and to come; regretting their inability, that they had no money for present, did recommend his singular case and condition to his Majesties Privy Council, to the end they might finde out some effectual way for his repayment, Principal, Annual Rents and Expences; as by their Act, *Edenburgh* 2 *Julij*, 1661.

5. Who after re-examining of his accompts, did not onely approve of his former sum, interest and expence, now amounting to 4844 *l.* 6 *s.* *sterl.* but also of the sum of 3000 *l.* *sterl.* he lost in the said employment, to the utter ruining of his whole stock, trade & livelihood; likewise approving of his loyalty in the retiring of the publick Bond of 16000 *Rix-Dollers*: and in regard they had not present money, they passed an Act of Council appointing the Lord Chancellour to write a letter in their name to the Earl of *Lauderdale* Secretary for the Kingdom of *Scotland*, to the end his Lordship should recommend his case and sufferings to his Majesty, that some effectual and speedy course might be taken for the said *David*'s re-payment; and that he be not altogether ruined in his Majesties and their Services, so loyally and cordially acted by him, when no other would undertake it, as in the Act it self is more fully enlarged. *Edenb.* Jan. 2. 1662.

6. Recommended by his Majesty to the Earl of *Lauderdale*, to minde him of the said *David*, when the fines come to be disposed of; that then his Majesty may take the said *David*'s claims and services into his gracious consideration: *Whitehall*, 2 *July* 1663.

Wherefore it is humbly presented, That this great ruine received is not accidental loss, or forced prejudice, but a real, clear and well-grounded passion, upon all imaginable Security; besides his carriage in the said employment most largely recorded and recommended: confidently perswading himself, if that his Majesty were truly informed of the said David's case, and his sad sufferings at present, sustained there-through, no doubt but his Majesty would graciously order his due satisfaction and reward out of the first and readiest of his Revenue, conform to the Tenour of his Engagements, and Acts of Parliaments and Council passed in his behalf.